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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte ROBERT P. KUSY, SCOTT ZUFALL, MATTHEW CAMP,
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Technology Center 1700

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Before DALE M. SHAW, *Division 2 Support Administrator*

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

On February 18, 2008, Appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On April 17, 2008, Appellants filed an Appeal Brief to which the Examiner responded by filing an Examiner's Answer on June 23, 2008. The Examiner's Answer contained a new ground of rejection designated in accordance with MPEP § 1207.03. According to MPEP § 1207.03 states that an appellant must respond to a new ground of rejection by filing either:

- (A) a reply in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to request that prosecution be reopened; or
- (B) a reply brief that addresses each new ground of rejection in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 41.37(c)(1)(vii) to maintain the appeal.

In addition, 37 C.F.R. § 41.39(b) states that an appellant has within two months to respond. Appellants have not responded within the specified timeframe.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the appeal which was filed on August 07, 2008, be dismissed.

The application is being returned to the Examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this dismissal, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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